## Handout – Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) Placement Timeline

This chart illustrates the process and timeline to follow when a child is placed in a QRTP to ensure child well-being and federal funding to support the placement. For more in depth information, please refer to the FFPSA - Guide to Qualified Residential Treatment Programs located in the Family First Prevention Services

Act (FFPSA) help topic on the court's website.

### **Proposed QRTP Placement**

A Qualified Individual (QI) completes a QRTP assessment prior to placement when possible.

However, sometimes the child must be placed immediately due to crisis.

#### **Court Review**

The court determines whether the QRTP is the most effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive environment.



### **Court Decision**

The court issues an order either approving or disapproving the placement.

\* Issue within 60 days of placement.



### **QRTP Assessment by QI**

Assessment of the child's strengths and needs in consultation with family and permanency team.

\* Conducted within 30 days of actual or proposed placement.

# Court Hearing

A formal court hearing is required (either as a standalone event or in combination with an already scheduled hearing) if:

- Agency requests it;
- Party or child over 10 years old requests it; or
- Court, in its discretion, finds it necessary

## Administrative Review

If a hearing is not requested or required by the court, the court may review the matter and make its decision without a hearing.

## **Approved**

While the child remains in the QRTP, the court must review the appropriateness of the QRTP placement at all subsequent hearings.

### Disapproved

If the court does not approve the QRTP placement, the agency has **30 days** from the date of the court's order to move the child to a more appropriate placement.

## **Social Services Agency Report**

If the QI approves the QRTP placement, the agency places the child and prepares a report to the court, including:

- Out-of-home placement plan
- QRTP assessment by QI
- Request for hearing or admin review
- Other info provided by the parties
- \* File with district court within 35 days of placement.